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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of
claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being
underlined):

1   1. (Previously Presented) A method of handling a call from a caller
2   to a communication device, the method comprising:
3   receiving the call;
4   determining if the communication device is in a privacy operating
5   mode or a normal operating mode; and
6   if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode ,
7   completing the call if a privacy mode code is entered by the caller.

1   2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising
2   if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode, routing the
3   call to a message system if no privacy mode code is entered by the caller.

1   3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the privacy mode code
2   is selected by a user of the communication device.

1   4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication
2   device is one of: a cellular telephone and a personal digital assistant.

1   5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method is
2   performed by one of: a base station and a switch.

1   6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, further comprising
2   the step of receiving a request from the communication device to place the
3   communication device in the privacy operating mode from the normal
4   operating mode.

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1   7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the request further
2 comprises:
3   a privacy mode message selected by a user of the communication
4   device and adapted to be provided to the caller prior to completing
5   the call; and
6   the privacy mode code selected by the user of the communication
7   device.

1   8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising
2 the step of receiving a request from the communication device to place the
3 communication device out of the privacy operating mode.

1   9. (Previously Presented) A method of handling a call from a caller
2 to a communication device, the method comprising:
3   receiving the call;
4   determining if the communication device is in a privacy operating
5   mode or a normal operating mode; and
6   if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode,
7   providing a privacy mode message including a selected privacy
8   override code to the caller.

1   10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising
2 if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode, completing
3 the call if the selected privacy override code is entered by the caller.

1   11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising
2 if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode, routing the
3 call to a message system if no selected privacy override code is entered by
4 the caller.

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1   12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the privacy mode
2   message is selected from a group of prerecorded messages.

1   13. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the privacy mode
2   message is recorded by a user of the communication device.

1   14. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the privacy override
2   code is selected by a user of the communication device.

1   15. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the communication
2   device is a cellular telephone or a personal digital assistant.

1   16. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the method is
2   performed by a base station or a switch.

1   17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16, further
2   comprising the step of receiving a request from the communication device to
3   place the communication device in the privacy operating mode.

1   18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the request further
2   comprises:
3   the privacy mode message selected by a user of the communication
4   device and adapted to be provided to the caller upon receiving the call; and
5   the privacy override code selected by the user of the communication
6   device.

1   19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further
2   comprising the step of receiving a request from the communication device to
3   place the communication device out of the privacy operating mode.

1   20. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having

2 instructions for causing a computer to perform a method of handling a call

3 from a caller to a communication device, the method comprising:

4   receiving the call;

5   determining if the communication device is in a privacy operating

6   mode or a normal operating mode; and

7   if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode,

8   completing the call if a predetermined code is entered by the caller.

1   21. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim

2 20, further comprising if the communication device is in the privacy

3 operating mode, routing the call to a message system if no predetermined

4 code is entered by the caller.

1   22. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having

2 instructions for causing a computer to perform a method of handling a call

3 from a caller to a communication device, the method comprising:

4   receiving the call;

5   determining if the communication device is in a privacy operating

6   mode or in a normal operating mode; and

7   if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode,

8   providing a privacy mode message including a selected privacy

9   override code to the caller.

1   23. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim

2 22, further comprising if the communication device is in the privacy

3 operating mode, completing the call if the privacy override code is entered

4 by the caller.

1   24. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim
2   22, further comprising if the communication device is in the privacy
3   operating mode, routing the call to a message system if no privacy override
4   code is entered by the caller.

1   25. (Previously Presented) A system for handling a call from a caller
2   to a user of a communication device, the system comprising:
3   a data entry device capable of receiving input to cause the
4   communication device to enter a privacy operating mode from a
5   normal operating mode;
6   a memory capable of storing a privacy mode message, the privacy
7   mode message adapted to be provided to the caller prior to
8   completing the call to the user; and
9   a receiver capable of completing the call to the user if a privacy mode
10   code is entered by the caller.

1   26. (Original) The system of claim 25, further wherein the receiver is
2   capable of routing the call to a message system if no privacy mode code is
3   entered by the caller.

1   27. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the data entry device
2   is a telephone keypad.

1   28. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the privacy mode
2   code comprises at least one keystroke from the data entry device.

1   29. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the privacy mode
2   code is selected by the user of the communication device.

1   30. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the communication
2   device is one of: a cellular telephone and a personal digital assistant.

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1   31. (Previously Presented) A system for handling a call from a caller
2 to a user of a communication device, the system comprising:
3   a data entry device capable of receiving input to cause the
4   communication device to enter a privacy operating mode from a
5   normal operating mode; and
6   a memory capable of providing a privacy mode message including a
7   selected privacy override code to the caller prior to completing the
8   call to the user.

1   32. (Original) The system of claim 31, further comprising a receiver
2 capable of completing the call to the user if the selected privacy override
3 code is entered by the caller.

1   33. (Original) The system of claim 32, further wherein the receiver is
2 capable of routing the call to a message system if no selected privacy
3 override code is entered by the caller.

1   34. (Original) The system of claim 31, wherein the selected privacy
2 override code is provided by the user of the communication device.

1   35. (Previously Presented) A system for handling a call from a caller
2 to a user of a communication device, the system comprising:
3   a data entry device capable of receiving input to cause the
4   communication device to enter a privacy operating mode from a
5   normal operating mode; and
6   a receiver capable of receiving the call to the communication device
7   and completing the call to the user only if an interrupt is received
8   from the caller.

1   36. (Original) The system of claim 35, wherein the interrupt is a
2 privacy mode code entered by the caller.

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1   37. (Previously Presented) A system for handling a call from a caller
2   to a user of a communication device, the system comprising:
3   a receiver capable of receiving the call and a privacy mode code
4   entered by the caller;
5   a memory capable of storing a status indicating if the communication
6   device is in a privacy operating mode or a normal operating mode;
7   and
8   a transmitter capable of completing the call to the user if the
9   communication device is in the privacy operating mode and the
10   privacy mode code is entered by the caller.

1   38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the
2   memory is further capable of storing a message from the caller if the
3   communication device is in the privacy operating mode and no privacy mode
4   code is entered by the caller.

1   39. (Original) The system of claim 37, wherein the memory is further
2   capable of storing a privacy mode message adapted to be provided to the
3   caller prior to completing the call to the user.

1   40. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 37, wherein the
2   receiver is further capable of receiving a request from the communication
3   device to place the communication device in the privacy mode.

1   41. (Original) The system of claim 40, wherein the request further
2   comprises:
3   a privacy mode message selected by a user of the communication
4   device and adapted to be provided to the caller prior to completing
5   the call to the user; and
6   the privacy mode code selected by the user of the communication
7   device.

1   42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40, wherein the
2   receiver is further capable of receiving a request from the communication
3   device to place the communication device out of the privacy operating mode
4   and into the normal operating mode.

1   43. (Original) The system of claim 37, wherein the communication
2   device is one of: a cellular telephone and a personal digital assistant.

1   44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 additionally
2   comprising, if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode,
3   passing the call to a voice messaging system if the privacy mode code is not
4   entered by the caller, the voice messaging system being capable of
5   recording a message spoken by the caller making the call.

1   45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 additionally
2   comprising, if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode,
3   blocking completion of the call until the privacy mode code is entered.

1   46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 additionally
2   comprising, if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode,
3   preventing the communication device from producing an incoming call
4   signal if the privacy mode code is not entered by the caller.

1   47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 additionally
2   comprising, if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode,
3   preventing the communication device from producing an incoming call
4   signal for all calls for which the caller does not enter the privacy mode
5   code.

1   48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 additionally
2   comprising, if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode,
3   requiring entry of the privacy mode code by the caller before the
4   communication device produces an incoming call signal.

         49. (Cancelled)

1   50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the normal
2   operating mode is characterized by producing an incoming call signal upon
3   receipt of the call, and the privacy operating mode is characterized by
4   producing the incoming call signal only if the caller has entered the privacy
5   mode code.

1   51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further
2   comprising, if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode,
3   announcing the privacy mode code to the caller.

1   52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, wherein the step
2   of providing a privacy mode message including a selected privacy override
3   code to the caller further comprises announcing the privacy override code to
4   the caller.

1   53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further
2   comprising the step of receiving a spoken command from a user of the
3   communication device to place the communication device in the
4   privacy operating mode.

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1   54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 additionally
2   comprising, if the communication device is in the privacy operating mode,
3   preventing the communication device from producing an incoming call
4   signal if the privacy mode code is not entered by the caller while providing
5   information regarding the incoming call through a display on the
6   communication device.

1   55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 additionally
2   comprising, if the communication device is in the normal operating mode ,
3   completing the call regardless of whether the privacy mode code is entered
4   by the caller..